

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL ARUL ANANDAR COLLEGE KARUMATHUR- 625 514

Best Practice

1. Extension Services

Extension is included in the curriculum with one credit under the name Arul Anandar Initiatives for social education. Other form of extension his included in for five of the curriculum. It helps the rural communities around by educating the young mind academically and empowering the common people socially, economically, and culturally. Our extension unit works in collaboration with other Agencies, community-based organizations and with the local community leadership. On the outset, ARISE is the link between students and the local community in which both are benefitted. The project aims at equipping students with social knowledge, concern and commitment and developing the neighbourhood communities in literacy, health, sanitation, environment, local income generation and women, youth and child empowerment. Students will work in the assigned areas for 60 hours during their third and fourth semesters. They work in groups comprised of 10-15 members with a team leader as their representative. The work of every team will be guided closely, monitored periodically and evaluated at the end of second academic year.

Since students acquire practical knowledge of the society in the ARISE programme, they should work as catalysts in the community in conscientizing the vulnerable people and bringing about attitudinal changes among them. They have to learn community analysis, social or community concern and service. And thus, they become a responsible citizen in the future.

A staff will be in-charge for each department. Teachers accompany the students. They help students to document all events and activities. They collect the feedback and report to the coordinator. And they finally monitor, evaluate and award the students with marks. The individual assessment is done on the basis of regular attendance, active participation in the field and group reports and viva.

2. Counselling

Counselling is a programme which help students grow in intellectual, physical, psychological maturity. Counselling is a kind of faculty-student relationship. Arul Anandar College (AAC) consider this practice as an effective mechanism for positively influencing the students in their holistic development. Each department has a coordinator for mentor programme. Each student will have a mentor. The mentor will regularly meet the students and identify the problems. Based on the nature of the problem the mentor recommends the student to appropriate authority. If psychological problem is identified the students are referred to counsellors. If there is financial need, the student is referred to vice principal for management scholarship. In short, the mentor travels along with the students throughout his stay in the college.